

**Bradford Fire District
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015
Bradford Citizens Club**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Verification of Quorum:

38 Qualified voters as well as 4 elected officers were present, which satisfied the requirements of a quorum.

Motion to dispense with the reading of legal ad seconded and approved by voice vote.

Reading of the minutes for the annual meeting held Sep. 9, 2015 were read by the clerk. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes.

Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Report of the Treasurer/Tax collector:

Mr. John Mellow asked for a detailed explanation of several line items in the report. The Treasurer supplied the information requested.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurers' report. The motion passed and the Treasurers' report was accepted.

Report of the Tax Collector:

The Tax Collector discussed changes to the Grand List and what effect that would have on the mill rate for the fire district tax. Due to a number of issues that are now required in the storing and gathering of this data, she suggested that a computer system be provided to both the tax Collector and the Treasurer.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Tax Assessors report.

Motion passed.

Report of the Board of Engineers:

Since opting for a contract for Fire Protection with the Dunns Corners Fire District, this technical information as “ Dunns Corners incident report summary has been presented by Mr. Thomas Algiere, deputy chief at Dunns Corners. This detailed report listed a total incident count of 77 responses. A brief discussion followed in which those in attendance expressed their appreciation for the Quality of the service provided by Dunns Corners Fire District.

Reports of Committees: None.

Deferred Business: None.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers:

After presenting the Treasurers report, Mrs. Virginia Abruzzese, who has held the position for more than fifty years, informed the body that she was retiring and would not seek reelection. Mrs. Abruzzese received a spontaneous standing show of appreciation for her years of dedicated service by everyone present.

The selection of a new Treasurer/Tax collector followed. Mrs. Grace Williams and Mrs. Joyce Stanczyk were nominated and seconded for the position. A vote was conducted by written ballot. Mrs. Grace Williams was selected as the new Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded to allow additional time for collection of fire taxes due to the transition of officers. Nov. 30th was set as the deadline. The motion passed by voice vote.

A spirited discussion followed as to the need for a forensic audit

because of the change in officers in this important position. The discussion produced no consensus and no decision was made.

Mr. A. Clemence was reelected as Clerk.

Reviewing and adopting the Next years' budget:

The Moderator presented the budget for the coming year. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the budget which passed by a voice vote.

The Moderator than informed the body of the status of the sale of the property on Woody Hill Rd.

A review of the contract for fire service with Dunns Corners informed the voters that the two years of coverage fixed by the contract would be completed on May 30th 2016. It would be necessary to inform Dunns Corners in writing if Bradford Fire District wishes to continue the contract by Dec. of 2015.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint a committee to meet with Duns Corners to negotiate an agreement. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following members for that committee:

Brian O'Rourke; Christine O'Rourke; Frank Algieri. Alternates for that committee are Jyoce Stanczyk ; John Stanczyk and Bill Aiello.

Motion was made and seconded to form a committee to inventory the Districts remaining equipment ad determine its' market value. The motion passed. Frank Williams and Kevin Kern were selected for that committee.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM